

*Hall Thanks Vigilant Citizens, Including Constituent Duane Jackson, for Acting 'Quickly, Bravely and Professionally'*

*Washington, D.C.* – Today, the House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution co-sponsored by Rep. John Hall (NY-19) commending the vigilance and prompt response of local citizens and law enforcement agencies in New York, which prevented a terrorist attack in Times Square on May 1, 2010.

The resolution notes the exceptional professionalism and investigative work by the New York Police Department, the New York Police Department Bomb Squad, the Fire Department of New York, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security, and other law enforcement agencies following the attempted car bombing, and their consistent commitment to preparedness for and collective response to terrorism.

In his remarks today on the floor of the House, Rep. Hall applauded all of those who “acted quickly, professionally and bravely to keep the attempted bombing in Times Square last Saturday from becoming a tragedy.”

Rep. Hall called particular attention in his remarks to Duane Jackson, a Vietnam War veteran who works as a street vendor and pointed out the smoking vehicle moments before its detonation. Hall has the honor of representing Mr. Jackson, who lives in Buchanan in Westchester County.

“Thanks to Mr. Jackson there were no grieving families Saturday night, only a nation once again reminded of how simple decency can triumph over terror,” said Rep. Hall. “His quick thinking turned what could have been a tragedy into an example of American heroism. All New Yorkers and Americans owe him a debt of gratitude. Saturday night, Duane Jackson served his country once again, and showed the remarkable character of the men and women who wear the uniform of our country, and who continue to serve our country, long after they have taken off the uniform.”

Hall continued: “Events like this are calculated to strike fear into our hearts, even when they fail. However, they also serve as a reminder that in this great nation we are surrounded by everyday heroes like Duane Jackson.”

“This incident is also a reminder that we all must pay attention to the world around us, and speak up if we see something unusual or out of the ordinary. Fighting terrorism is something we must all do together,” Hall said.

[Watch a video of Hall's speech](#)

